

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

January 20, 2004

7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Junction City City Commission was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2004 with Mayor Mick Wunder presiding.

The following members of the Commission were present: Kay Blanken, Terry Heldstab, Ken Talley, Jack Taylor. Absent: Mick Wunder. Staff present were: City Manager Rod Barnes, City Attorney Charles Zimmerman, City Engineer Thomas E. Neal and City Clerk Colleen Woodruff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Talley moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Blanken, Heldstab, Talley, Taylor. Nays: None. Absent: Wunder. Motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of Commission Minutes January 6, 2004
- b. Approval of Appropriation Ordinance A-54 dated December 24, 2003 in the amount of \$344,265.14, A-1, dated January 9, 2004 in the amount of \$499,194.67, Appropriation Ordinance A-2 dated January 16, 2004 in the amount of \$336,823.09 and Payroll Ordinance P-1 dated January 9, 2004 in the amount of \$168,978.73.
- c. Monthly Department Reports:
 1. Engineering Department Project Status Report
 2. Inspection Report
 3. U.S. Filter Water, Wastewater and Public works
 4. Police Department
 5. Fire/EMS
 6. Parks and Recreation
 7. Water Utility/Customer Service
 8. Administrative Services
 9. Golf Course
- d. The consideration of approval of the 2004 Cereal Malt Beverage licenses.
- e. The consideration of approval to the Kansas Department of Transportation the authority to award the contract for the Ash Street Extension to the low bidder, Bayer Construction Co. Inc., Manhattan, Kansas in the amount of \$515,331.55. The City's share of the project from Special Highway funds if \$116,244.96.

- f. The consideration of Ordinance S-2703 final plat approval for Lot 1, Block 1, Kickhaefer Addition to Junction City (final reading)

REQUEST TO MOVE RAILROAD IMPROVEMENTS FROM VINE STREET TO ASH STREET

City Engineer Adams stated that the Kansas Department of Transportation has a program where they improve Railroad crossings throughout the State. The system is not competitive, rather it is based on need. Recently KDOT approached the Engineering staff and informed the city that the Vine Street crossing has become eligible for improvements. He further stated that with the potential development of the land south of Cedar Point area, Ash Street may need to be extended to the east across the railroad crossing. In order to obtain that crossing Union Pacific has informed the city that the Vine street crossing would need to be abandoned. Staff recommended sending a letter to KDOT requesting that the improvements planned for the Vine Street crossing be postponed in order to use them at the Ash Street crossing. KDOT is agreeable to the proposal. The project will be scheduled for 2005. Commissioner Blanken moved, seconded by Commissioner Talley to approve the request as submitted. Ayes: Blanken, Heldstab, Talley, Taylor, Wunder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

SPECIAL ORDINANCE S-2702 REZONING 1531 ST. MARY'S ROAD (first reading)

Special Ordinance S-2702 rezoning 1531 St. Mary's Road from suburban residential (RS) to restricted commercial (CR) was presented for consideration on first reading.

ORDINANCE S-2702

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 1531 ST. MARY'S ROAD AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, AND LOT 2, BLOCK 1, CAROLINE ADDITION TO JUNCTION CITY, GEARY COUNTY, KANSAS: REZONING SAID PROPERTY FROM SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (RS) DISTRICT TO RESTRICTED COMMERCIAL (CR) DISTRICT ALL WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS.

City Engineer Adams stated that after reconsideration the MPC recommended the approval of the requested rezoning. Mr. Adams further stated that traffic issues were examined and that there was no conflict with the

increases traffic produced by the Child Care Center. He also said that the Engineering Department would continue to monitor the area. Commissioner Taylor and Vice Mayor Talley stated that they were satisfied with the findings.

Commissioner Blanken moved, seconded by Commissioner Heldstab to approve Ordinance S-2702 on first reading. Ayes: Blanken, Heldstab, Talley, Taylor, Wunder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #1948 ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING IN RILEY MANOR

City Engineer Adams stated that in the past year improvements were made to the street and storm sewers in Riley Manor. One of the primary goals of those improvements was to improve that area of the city. The Engineering staff has investigated the amount of street lighting in the area and has found that the standards of residential street lighting is met in that area. However several factors warrant additional lighting. 1) The street is narrower than normal 2) The population density is higher than normal and 3) Historically a higher crime rate in the area. Staff recommended the addition of six street lights to be placed on existing poles.

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Heldstab to approve Resolution 1948 as recommended by staff. Ayes: Blanken, Heldstab, Talley, Taylor, Wunder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

BID DATE FOR VEHICLES FOR ENGINEERING/INSPECTION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

City Engineer Adams requested Commission approval to solicit bids for the purchase of five (5) full size pickups for the Engineering/Inspection Department and for the Parks Department. The current fleet is a14 years old and some are in need of repair. The cost of repairs will continue to grow as the years progress. Staff was requesting a bid date of February 10, 2004.

Commissioner Talley moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to set February 10, 2004 as the bid date for the purchase of 5 trucks as requested. Ayes: Heldstab, Talley, Taylor, Wunder. Nays: Blanken. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A HERITAGE TRUST FUND GRANT FOR THE OPERA HOUSE.

City Manager Barnes requested approval of the City Commission to apply for the Heritage Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$105,130. \$90,000 would be the amount of the Grant and the remaining funds would come from the opera house funds on hand. The funds would be used for repairs for the roof structure and to replace come of the limestone blocks.

Commissioner Heldstab moved, seconded by Commissioner Talley to approve the submission of the Heritage Trust Fund Grant application. Ayes: Blanken, Heldstab, Talley, Taylor, Wunder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR A BUILDING PERMIT FOR FAMILY VIDEO

City Attorney Zimmerman stated that the State Historic Society have sent a letter with their finding on the issuance of a building permit for the Family Video Store at 520 N Jefferson. He further stated that the City Commission needed to authorize the Mayor to sign the Findings of Fact and return it to the State Kansas Historic Society. The findings of fact states that the City finds the permit requested will retain and preserve the historic property's environs and that the project has no feasible alternative and includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the historic property.

Commissioner Talley moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to authorize the Mayor to sign the Fact of Finding and return it to the State. Ayes: Blanken, Heldstab, Talley, Taylor, Wunder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION BY THE CVB-

Connie Hall and Rick Dykstra presented a video on Geary County that will be distributed to draw attention to all that Geary County and Junction City has to offer.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mayor Wunder opened the meeting for general discussion.

There was no general discussion

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mayor Wunder opened the meeting for Commissioner comments.

Commissioner Blanken congratulated Connie Hall and Rick Dykstra on the work that done on the video. She also requested that staff look into making a no parking zone on 5th Street from Franklin to Washington on the north side of the street.

Commissioner Heldstab stated that he was very impressed with the quality of the video prepared by the CVB. He also congratulated everyone involved in the Martin Luther King Day events.

Commissioner Taylor also congratulated everyone involved with the Martin Luther King events held in the Municipal Building and at the Faith Tabernacle Church.

Vice Mayor Talley stated that good things are happening in Junction City. He also said that all citizens needed to know what was being discussed in the State Legislature and make opinions known to our representatives.

Mayor Wunder stated that the City will be getting aggressive about cleaning up property within the City.

STAFF COMMENTS

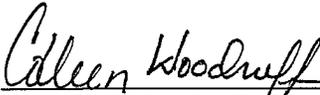
Mayor Wunder opened the meeting for staff comments.

There were no staff comments

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Heldstab moved, seconded by Commissioner Blanken to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Ayes: Blanken, Heldstab, Talley, Taylor, Wunder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF FEBRUARY 2004 AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR January 20, 2004.



Colleen Woodruff, City Clerk



Mick Wunder, Mayor